

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing one or more lists, each list containing a plurality of ~~video-on-demand (VOD)~~ clips;

~~receiving user input, the user input specifying a set of two or more of the plurality of VOD-video clips and their user-defined~~ receiving user input specifying a set of two or more of the plurality of VOD-video clips and their user-defined a sequencing order, wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that specifying a video clip at each node constrains selection of video clips at a subsequent node;

creating, prior to presentation, a composite VOD-video clip sequence in the sequencing order, wherein each of the specified set of VOD-video clips is a component VOD-video clip of the composite VOD-video clip sequence; and

~~automatically inserting one or more iTV application elements within the composite VOD clip according to characteristics of the component VOD clips comprising the composite VOD clip~~ causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2-1 further comprising: storing the composite ~~VOD-video~~ to a storage medium.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the storage medium is included in a digital video recorder.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2-1 wherein ~~presenting~~ causing presentation of the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence includes recognizing the completion of a component ~~VOD-video~~ clip and automatically commencing presentation of a subsequent component ~~VOD~~ video clip.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein ~~presenting~~ causing presentation of the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence includes initiating a new session for a component ~~VOD-video~~ clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component ~~VOD-video~~ clip.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein creating the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence includes creating a ~~VOD-video~~ file such that each component ~~VOD-video~~ clip is a segment of the ~~VOD-video~~ file.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein transition between component ~~VOD-video~~ clips is accomplished by moving to specific time codes within the ~~VOD-video~~ file.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein creating the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence includes concatenating each of the ~~VOD-video~~ clips of the selected set of two or more ~~VOD-video~~ clips.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: including component ~~VOD-video~~ clip metadata in or with the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 wherein the component clip metadata is a uniform resource locator.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising: inserting additional component ~~VOD-video~~ clips in the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein the additional component ~~VOD-video~~ clips are automatically inserted in the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence based upon a set of predefined rules.
17. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon executable instructions which when executed by a processor cause a method to be performed, the method comprising:

providing a list containing a plurality of ~~VOD-video~~ clips;
receiving ~~user input, the user input~~ specifying a set of two or more of the plurality of ~~video-on-demand clips and their user-defined~~ sequencing order, wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that specifying a video clip at each node constrains selection of video clips at a subsequent node;
creating, prior to presentation, a composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence in the sequencing order, wherein each of the specified set of ~~VOD-video~~ clips is a component ~~VOD-video~~ clip of the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence; and
~~automatically inserting one or more iTV application elements within the composite VOD clip according to characteristics of the component VOD clips comprising the composite VOD clip causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.~~

18-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~18-17~~ further comprising: storing the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence to a storage medium.

23. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 22 wherein the storage medium is included in a digital video recorder.

24. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim ~~18-17~~ wherein ~~presenting causing presentation of the composite VOD-video clip sequence~~ includes recognizing the completion of a component ~~VOD-video~~ clip and automatically commencing presentation of a subsequent component ~~VOD-video~~ clip.

25. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein ~~presenting causing presentation of the composite VOD-video clip sequence~~ includes initiating a new session for a component ~~VOD-video~~ clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component ~~VOD-video~~ clip.

26. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 17 wherein creating the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence includes creating a ~~VOD-video~~ file such that each component ~~VOD-video~~ is a segment of the ~~VOD-video~~ file.

27. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 26 wherein transition between component ~~VOD-video~~ clips is accomplished by moving to specific time codes within the ~~VOD-video~~ file.

28. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 17 wherein creating the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence includes concatenating each of the ~~VOD-video~~ clips of the selected set of two or more ~~VOD-video~~ clips.

29. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 17 further comprising: including component ~~VOD-video~~ clip metadata in the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence.

30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 29 wherein the component clip metadata is a uniform resource locator.

31. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 17 further comprising: including additional component ~~VOD-video~~ clips in the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence.

32. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 31 wherein the additional component ~~VOD-video~~ clips are automatically included in the composite ~~VOD-video~~ clip sequence based upon a set of predefined rules.

33. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a server ~~storing VOD~~ configured to store video content, the ~~VOD-video~~ content including a plurality of ~~VOD-video~~ clips; and

a ~~set-top-box~~ user terminal communicatively coupled to the server, the ~~set-top-box-user~~ terminal comprising a processor and executable instructions which, when executed ~~storing an application, the application including~~ cause the user terminal to perform operations comprising:

~~a VOD clip selection functionality that enables a user to providing access to the plurality of VOD-video clips, and select~~

~~receiving a selection of a set of two or more VOD-video clips of the plurality of VOD-video clips,~~

~~a VOD clip sequence ordering functionality that allows a user to define and receiving input specifying a sequencing order for the set of selected VOD-video clips, wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that specifying a video clip at each node constrains selection of video clips at a subsequent node, and~~

~~a VOD clip composite functionality that creates creating, prior to presentation, a composite VOD-video clip sequence in the sequencing order, wherein each of the two or more VOD-video clips of the selected set of VOD-video clips is a component VOD-video clip of the composite VOD-video clip sequence, and~~

~~an automatic interactive television (iTV) application insertion functionality that automatically inserts one or more iTV application elements within the composite VOD clip according to characteristics of the component VOD clips comprising the composite VOD clip causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.~~

34-37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34-33 further comprising: a storage medium for storing configured to store the composite VOD video clip sequence.

39. (Original) The system of claim 38 wherein the storage medium is included in a digital video recorder.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34-33 wherein ~~the set top box further stores a presentation application for presenting the executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to recognize the composite VOD clip sequence that recognizes the completion of a component VOD-video clip and automatically commences~~ commence presentation of a subsequent component VOD-video clip.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 34-~~33~~ wherein the ~~presentation application~~ initiates executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to initiate a new session for a component VOD-video clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component VOD-video clip.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33 wherein the ~~application creates executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to create a VOD-video file such that each component VOD-video is a segment of the VOD-video file.~~

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 42 wherein transition between component VOD video clips is accomplished by moving to specific time codes within the ~~VOD-video file.~~

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33 wherein the ~~application transmits executable instructions, when executed, cause the user terminal to transmit a list of VOD-video clip identifiers to the server, the VOD-video clip identifiers corresponding to the selected set of two or more VOD-video clips, and the server concatenates the identified VOD-video clips to form the composite VOD-video clip.~~

45. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33 further comprising: a ~~VOD-video list manager that includes component VOD-video clip metadata in the composite VOD-video clip sequence.~~

46. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 45 wherein the component ~~VOD-video clip metadata is a uniform resource locator.~~

47. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 33 further comprising: an operator control system ~~that configured to automatically includes-include additional component VOD-video clips in the composite VOD-video clip sequence based upon a set of predefined rules.~~

48. (New) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and

a machine-readable medium having stored thereon executable instructions which, when executed, cause the apparatus to perform:

providing one or more lists, each list containing a plurality of video clips;

receiving input specifying a set of two or more of the plurality of the video clips and a sequencing order, wherein the sequencing order is specified by a user-specified traversal of a decision tree having a plurality of decision nodes structured such that specifying a video clip at each node constrains selection of the video clips at a subsequent node;

creating, prior to presentation, a composite video clip sequence in the sequencing order wherein, each of the specified set of video clips is a component video clip of the composite video clip sequence; and

causing presentation of the composite video clip sequence.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to recognize the completion of a component video clip and automatically commence presentation of a subsequent component video clip.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to initiate a new session for a component video clip prior to completion of presentation of a previous component video clip.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to concatenate each of the video clips of the selected set of two or more video clips.

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to include component video clip metadata in or with the composite video clip.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the executable instructions, when executed, cause the apparatus to insert additional component video clips in the composite video clip sequence.